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MS PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

As authorized by the inventor(s), transmitted herewith for filing is a patent application applied for on behalf of the inventor(s) according to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.41(c).

Inventor(s): ITOH, Taketo; KASAI, Takao; OKUDA, Yasuyuki and TOYOSHIMA, Haruko

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Enclosed are:

A specification consisting of Twenty-nine (29) pages

Five (5) sheet(s) of formal drawings

Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27

Applicant does not claim priority

Applicant claims the right of priority under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 119 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.55(a) based on Application No(s). 2003-076677 filed in JAPAN on March 20, 2003.

Certified copy(ies) is(are) attached hereto.

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Executed Declaration in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.64 will follow

Application Data Sheet in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.76

Preliminary Amendment

Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 and reference(s)

Other: _____

Applicant requests early publication - \$300.00 publication fee

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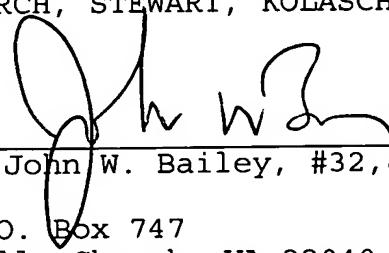
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